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Swanzey, Decemb. 12.

ON Sunday last in the morning a small light Collier, coming into this Harbor, was cast away under this Town, belonging to *Barnstaple*, the Wind blowing then very hard at East, but all the men were saved.

Falmouth, Dec. 12. The 10th came in here the *Thomas* and *John*, in four days from *Bilboa*; and the next day came in here a Dutch Man of War, with several Merchantmen under his Convoy, homeward bound from *Bourdeaux*. Here are likewise several English and Scotch Vessels in Port, bound for *Holland* with Wine and Brandy. By the Vessels that come in we have an account, that there are several Wrecks to the Eastward. The Wind has blown these several days very hard at East.

Pendennis, Dec. 12. The Wind continuing still at E. S. E. and blowing pretty hard, several ships, English, Scotch, and Dutch, are come into this Port, and among them a Dutch Man of War of 32 Guns, who lost the ships that were under his Convoy in foul weathe off of *Ushant*. His Majesties Ships the *Oxford*, *Dover*, and *Larke*, are kept in this Harbor by the blowing weather.

Plimouth, Dec. 13. This day arrived here His Majesties ships the *Ruby* and *Guernsey*, bound to the Westward, to Cruise; and this morning sailed from hence the *Deptford* Ketch.

Coningsberg, Dec. 9. The *Brandenburg* Troops upon the approach of the Suedes, have quitted *Tilse*, which they found not tenable, and retired to *Topsaken*, where Lieutenant-General *Gotsky*, who arriv'd here yesterday, will join them, with the Troops that he has brought from *Pomeren*. The Suedes have passed the River at *Tilse*, and are at present so encamped, that they may march whither they please. Count *Horne*, who commands the Suedes Army, understanding that the Brandenburgs design to burn all the Country round, thereby to deprive him of subsistence, has sent Letters to the several Villages, to encourage the Inhabitants to remain in their houses, and to use their endeavors to keep them from being burnt, assuring them of his protection, and of very kind usage from his Soldiers.

Hamburg, Dec. 16. From *Wismar* we have an account, that on Friday last the King of *Denmark* parted from thence on his return for *Copenhagen*; and that a Treaty Offensive and Defensive for the security of the Conquests they have made during this War, had been concluded between his Majesty and the Elector of *Brandenburg*. His Electoral Highness we hear is returned to *Berlin*, and was received there with all the solemnity that place is capable of. From *Dantzicke* they write, that upon the approach of the Suedes Army towards *Tilse*, the *Brandenburg* Troops that were posted there, had retired, to join the other Forces that came from *Pomeren*, before they hazard any action with the Suedes, who had passed the River at *Tilse*, and were consequently entered into *Prussia*, and were at liberty to march directly to *Coningsberg*, if they so thought fit.

Ratisbonne, Dec. 15. On Sunday last we had an account here of the death of the Elector of *Mentz*, which is like to create some difficulty in the affairs of the Dyet, through the pretensions of the Deputy of the Elector of *Saxony*, to have the direction of them during the vacancy of the See of *Mentz*; so that all matters are like to stand still here, till there be a new Election, which in all appearance will be very much contested between the Imperialists and the French; and we are told that there is already a person at *Mentz*, who is employed to advance the interests of the latter. From *Vienna* they write, that a Cessation of Arms was agreed between the Imperialists and the Rebels in *Hungary*, and that it was hoped it would be speedily followed by a Peace, which as well the one as the other seem very desirous of.

Strasburg, Dec. 16. We are advertised from very good hands, that all the French Troops in these parts, have orders to be ready to quit their quarters about the middle of the next month, and that it is in order to some great Enterprise, which we have sufficient reason to believe to be meant against this City. From *Lorrain* they tell us, that the Troops in that Country have the same orders, but that they know not whither they are designed. The Sieur *de Monclar* having been with 1500 men at *Molsheim*, as we told you in our last, is returned to *Brisac*, keeping us in the mean time in a continual alarm by these his uncertain motions. The French have given leave to the Inhabitants of the Lower *Alsace* to bring their Wines and other Commodities hither to Sell, that with the mony they produce, they may be able to pay their Contributions to them. The Duke of *Lorrain* is at *Eslingen*, and, it is said, purposes to remain there this Winter, that so he may be at hand to give the necessary orders, in case the French make any attempt upon this City.

Francfort, Dec. 18. The Funeral of the deceased Elector of *Mentz*, is to be on the 28 instant; and on the 9th of the next month the Chapter is to meet to proceed to a new Election, against which time the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, the Emperors Commissioner at the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, and the Baron *de Zinzendorp*, are expected at *Mentz* to assist at it. We are told that endeavors are using by the French, to dispose the Election in favor of the Baron *d'Else*, who is one of the eldest Canons, and was a Pretender when the Elector deceased was chosen.

Cologne, Dec. 20. The French have since our last burnt several Villages in our Neighborhood. The last week they drew together in a considerable Body at *Linnich*, and put us into some fear here, but they are since separated again without attempting